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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Liao et al.

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Examiner: J. Hunt

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FOR: **EXPRESSION OF MN/CA9 PROTEIN
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RESPONSE

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to action in the subject application, consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the courteous interview conducted on November 20, 2001.

At the interview, applicants' attorney and the Examiner discussed the Liao and